

**REMARKS**

By the present Amendment, claims 15 and 18 have been amended and claim 14 has been cancelled. The limitations of claim 14 have been added to claim 18.

Since the present amendment involves only the rewriting of a dependent claim into independent form, it is submitted that no new issues are raised by this amendment, and its entry is respectfully requested.

None of the cited references, either alone or in combination, suggest the simultaneous exposure and development of a photothermographic sheet material.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that all of the pending claims are in condition for allowance. Early and favorable action is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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